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The age of
man is over.

Even now, Earth chokes on its final breath--
men and women run for their lives, begging
for salvation. For themselves. Their families.
Their world.

The End War has come. And on
this battleground between Angels
and Demons, there is no escape.

A creature stirs amid the mortal
wreckage. He wears the shape of
a man, but he is something far
more ancient.

He has no interest in this world--he cares only
for the law. The Ancient Law--"WHEN THE SEALS
ARE BROKEN, FOUR HORSEMEN WILL RIDE FORTH
TO RESTORE THE BALANCE."

He brings
neither peace
nor salvation.



He is WAR
made flesh.



He surveys this world
with senses honed by
an eternity of conflict.

The signs are there--
the seals have been
broken.





And yet...



"WHERE ARE MY BROTHERS?"



He is NEPHILIM, a race more ancient than the Archangels. The Creator's first warriors, they fought against the Darkness with great ferocity. But the primitive Nephilim, flawed and corruptible, were finally exiled from the Light.



When the dust-formed Man was given EDEN, the outraged Nephilim met the Archangels on the Fields of Paradise. The Nephilim were nearly annihilated in the battle...all but four.

To preserve the BALANCE, the four survivors--STRIFE, FURY, DEATH, and WAR--became agents of the CHARRED COUNCIL. Granted immense power, THE HORSEMEN rode across the heavens and to the deepest depths of the Abyss to enforce the Council's will.

But the youngest of them, WAR, was not easily reined. Even the Council began to fear his uncontrollable wrath.

The Council ordered that the errant Horseman be brought to heel.







WISDOM
IS A GREAT
GIFT...



REMEMBER
WELL!



KA-KLIK

KA-KLIK

IT'S A GOOD
THING DEATH'S DAMN
NEAR INVULNERABLE.
YOU, ON THE
OTHER HAND--

I NEED
NO LESSONS...
FROM ANY
OF YOU.





The ages passed. Although the FOUR HORSEMEN were the most feared enforcers of the Balance, War yet strained at his tether. Many times was he called before the CHARRED COUNCIL.



ALL MUST HONOR THE BALANCE. ANGEL AND DEMON WILL BOW BEFORE IT, OR THEY WILL BE PUNISHED.



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REMEMBER
THIS PLEDGE--
ALL OF YOU!

WAR.

DO NOT RIDE
WITHOUT YOUR
WEAPON.

CHAOSEATER.
The cursed
blade. Eater
of souls.
Can it be
mastered--

--or will it yet
DESTROY him?



There were OTHERS chafing against
Destiny's grip. One--ABADDON--
carried a bold plan to the White City...

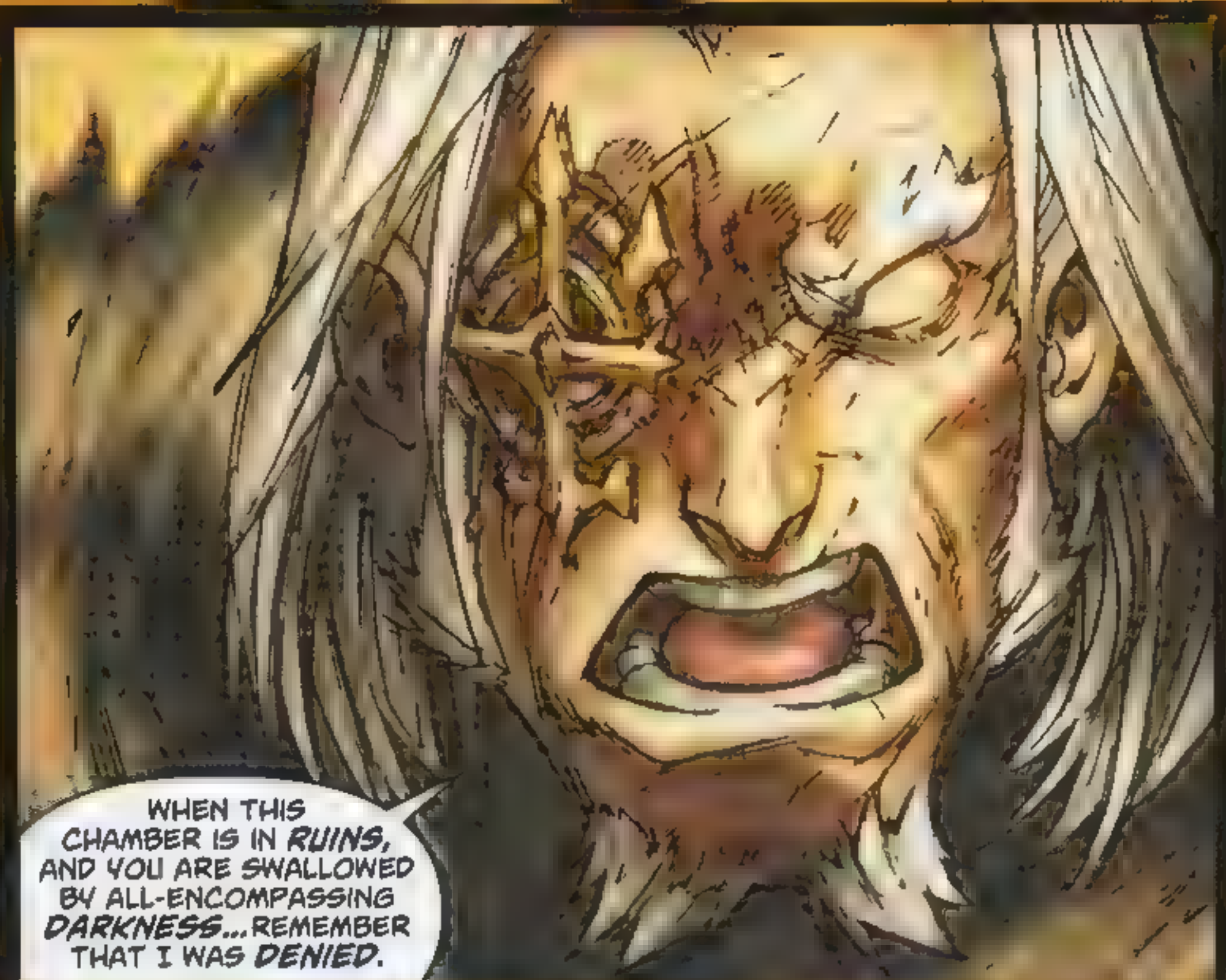
...AND EVEN AS WE
CONVENE HERE, IN THE LIGHT,
OUR ENEMY THRIVES IN THE SHADOWS!
THE **DEMON LEGIONS** OF THE
DARK PRINCE HAVE GATHERED,
HIS GENERALS PLOT OUR DOWNFALL,
AND WE HAVE DONE **NOTHING!**
FREE MY SWORD, AND BEFORE THE
ENEMY CAN STRIKE, MY HELLGUARD
WILL VANQUISH THEM FOR
ALL ETERNITY!



WHERE IS YOUR EVIDENCE? THERE IS A TRUCE WITH DEMONKIND-- WE CANNOT ATTACK UNPROVOKED!



TELL ME, ABADDON--DO YOU SPEAK ONLY FROM FEAR, OR IS IT YOUR LUST FOR POWER?



WHEN THIS CHAMBER IS IN RUINS, AND YOU ARE SWALLOWED BY ALL-ENCOMPASSING DARKNESS...REMEMBER THAT I WAS DENIED.



I WAS MOCKED, URIEL. NONE WILL STAND WITH ME.

NOT SO, MY LORD...





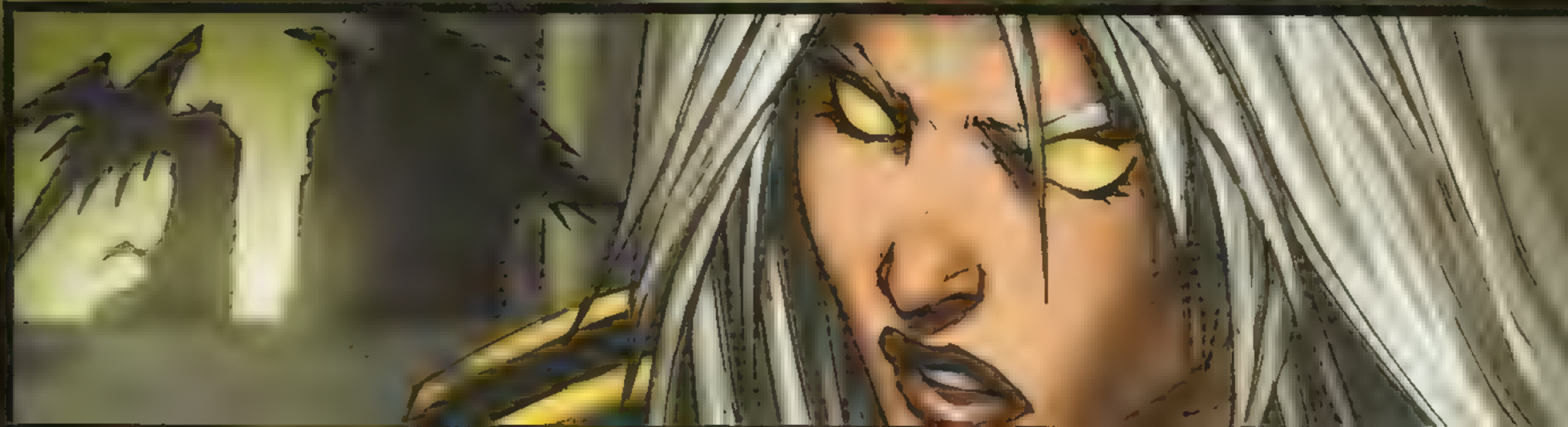
THERE
IS ALWAYS
ONE.



FORGIVE ME,
URIEL. I MUST SPEAK
WITH THESE TWO--



--ALONE.





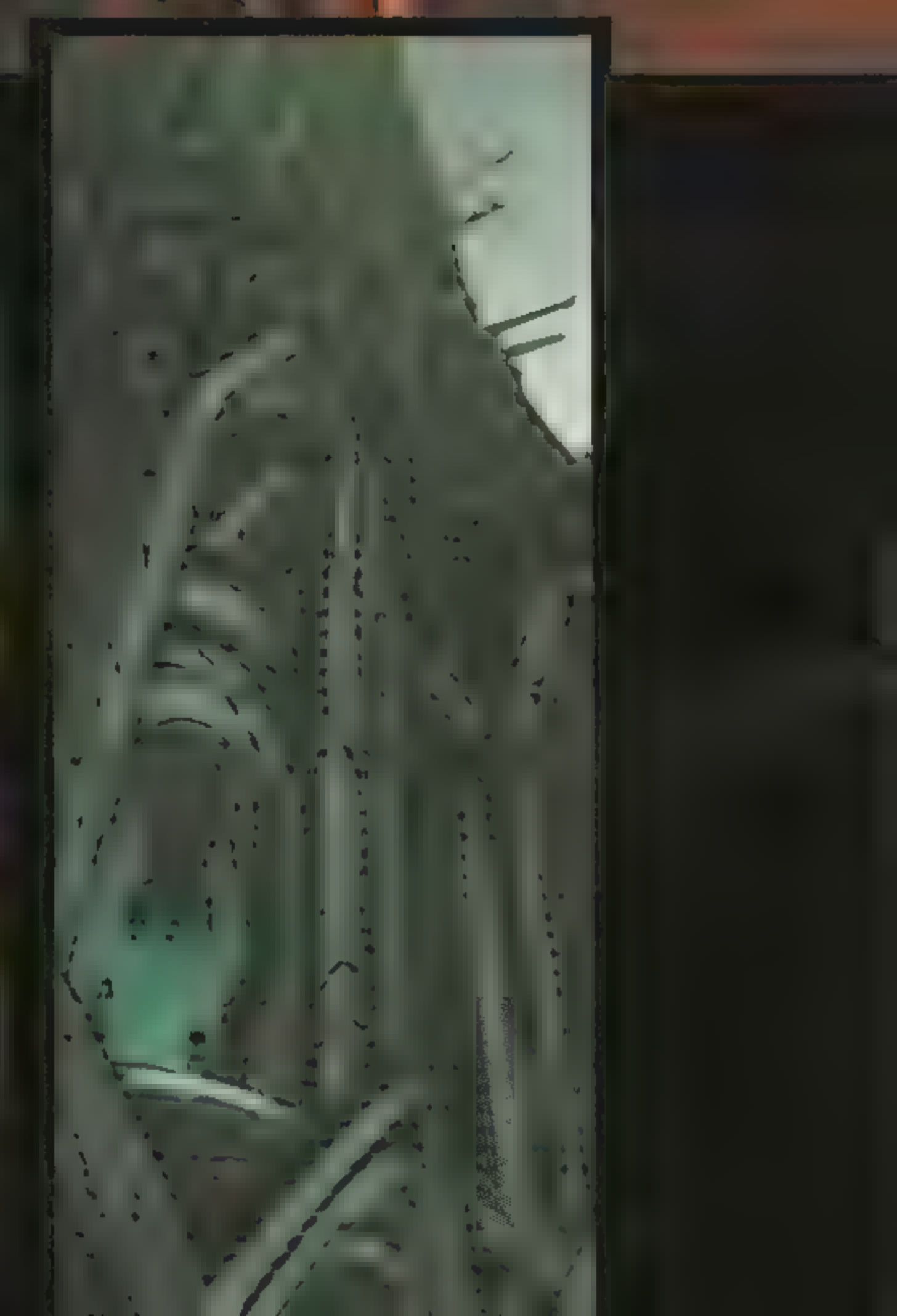
There are regions of the Dark
where even Angels fear to tread.
But the reach of the CHARRED
COUNCIL has no limit...



INTRUDERS
APPROACH, MASTER.
THE LEGIONS AWAIT
YOUR COMMAND!



LET THEM GET
CLOSE ENOUGH
TO **SMELL** THEIR
BLOOD.





I CAN OFFER YOU MORE THAN JUST THE PLEASURE OF MY FLESH, **SAMAEL**. WHAT IS IT THAT YOU MOST DESIRE?



YOUR **SILENCE**, WHILE I DEAL WITH THIS BREACH OF MY DOMAIN!



WHAT ARMY DARES TO MARCH AGAINST ME?

NO ARMY, MY LORD--



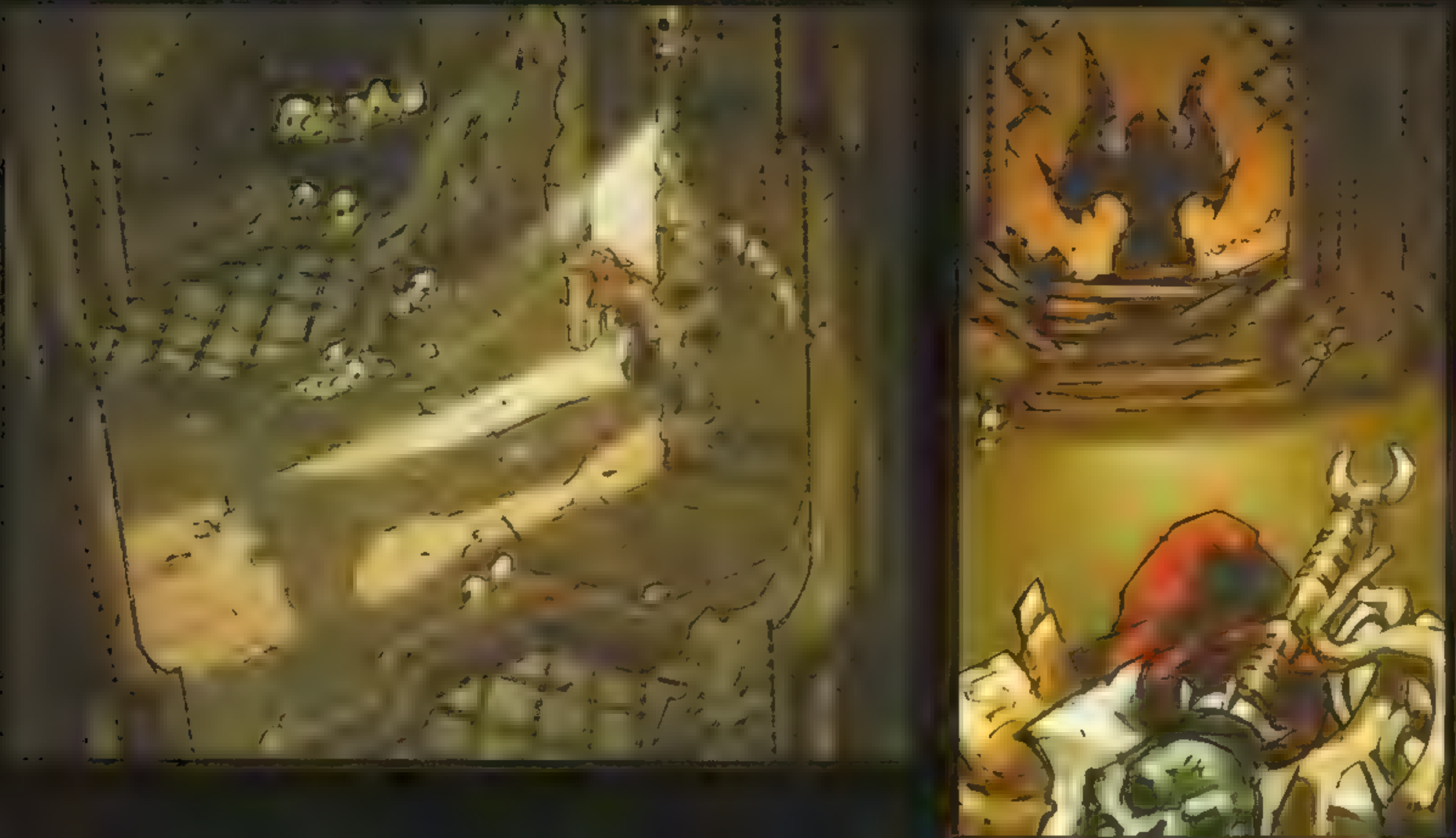
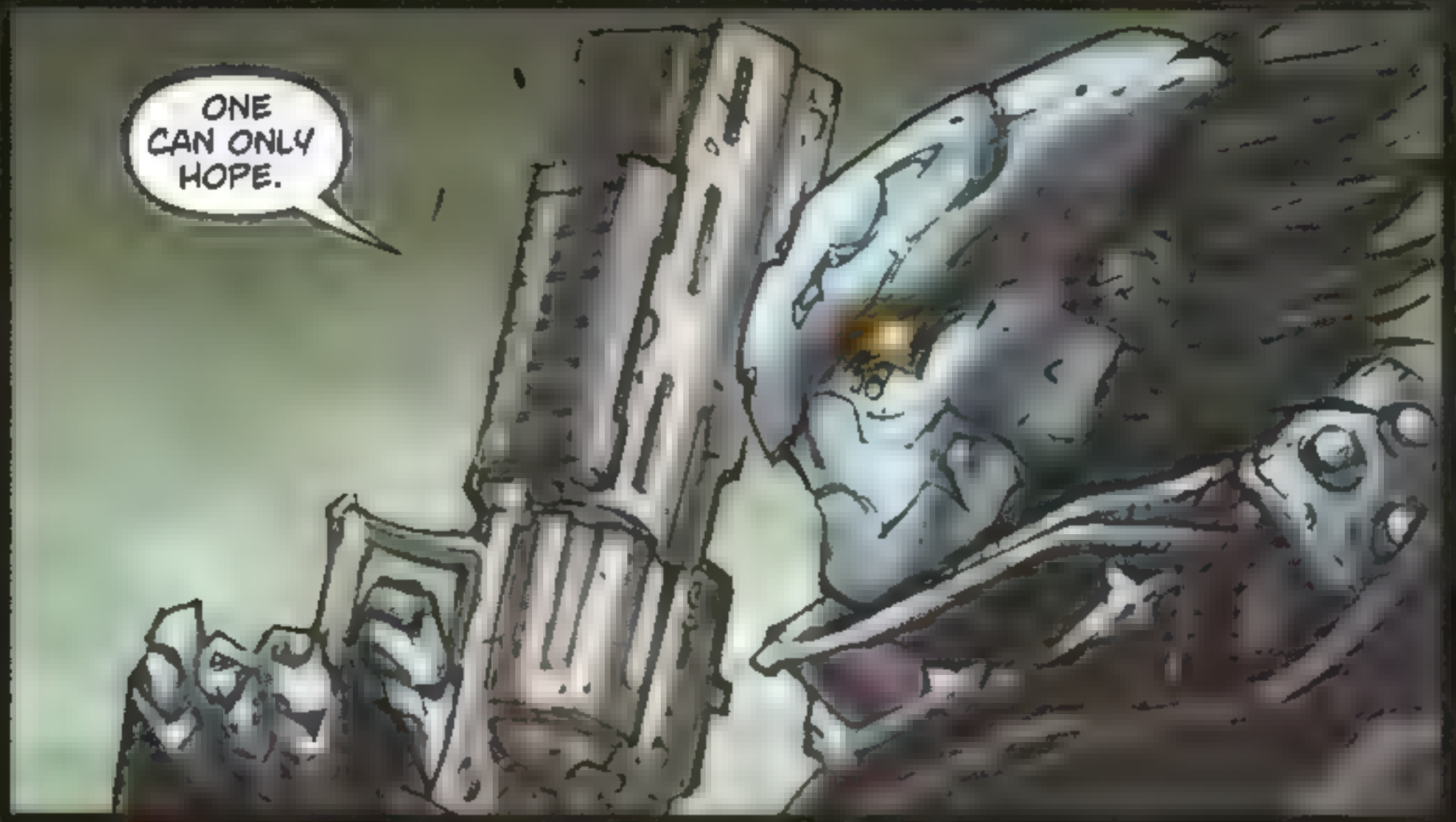
--FOUR RIDERS.



YOUR LEGIONS THIRST TO CUT THEM DOWN.



NO-- LET THEM COME.





WELCOME,
HORSEMEN.

WHAT
BUSINESS
BRINGS YOU
HERE? I'VE
BROKEN NO
LAWS.



WE BRING
ONLY A MESSAGE--
FOR NOW. THE
TRUCE BETWEEN
ANGEL AND DEMON
MUST HOLD.



THE DARK ONE RULES
THIS REALM, IF MEMORY
SERVES. TAKE IT UP WITH
HIM, ERRAND BOY!



WE KNOW *HIS* TIME
HAS NEARLY *PASSED*.
YOU ARE NEXT IN LINE...AND
FROM THE *COMPANY* YOU
KEEP, YOU ARE COUNTING
THE HOURS.

I'LL OVERLOOK
YOUR INSOLENCE,
HORSEMAN!

LOOK TO
THE LIGHT. IT'S
ABADDON WHO
PREACHES WAR--TELL
YOUR MASTERS TO
COLLAR HIM.

KILL THE
RIDERS!

WE WILL
SERVE THEIR
HEARTS TO
SAMAEL!

LOWER
YOUR
SWORDS!

AAAH!!!

LET THEM
PASS.



MASTERS--
DIRE NEWS!

DEMONS HAVE ATTACKED
THE EARTH. THE ARCHANGEL
ABADDON LEADS THE HELLGUARD
AGAINST THEM...AND WAR HAS
JOINED THE FRAY!

WHAT
TRICKERY IS
THIS? DO YOU
THINK US
FOOLS?

BY ALL ACCOUNTS,
THE SEALS WERE NOT
BROKEN. THEY ARE
INTACT!

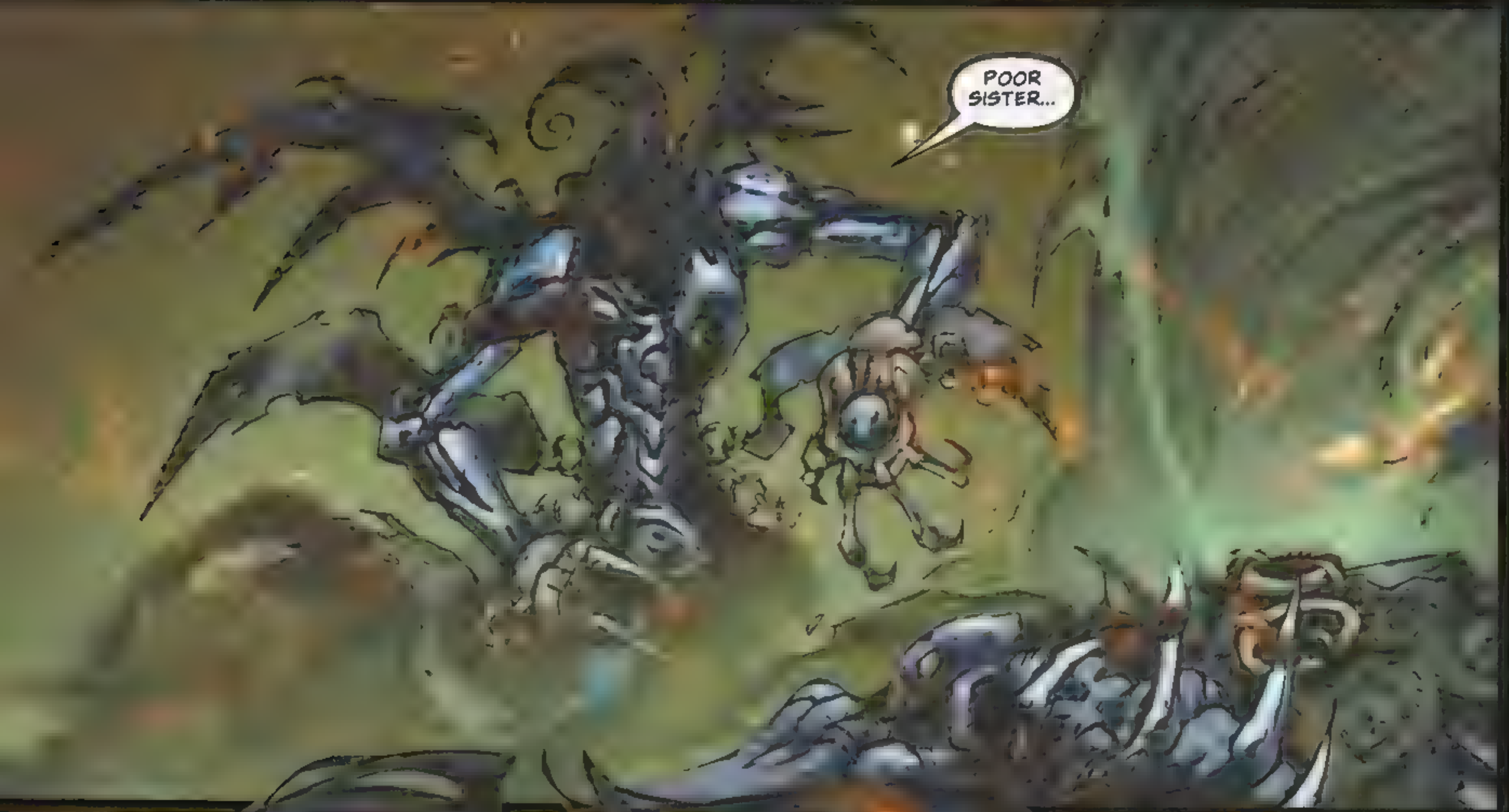
VERIFIED
THIS YOURSELF,
DID YOU?

I DID, MASTER.
WHAT IS YOUR
COMMAND?

FRET
NOT

YOUR
SERVICE IS
ENDED.

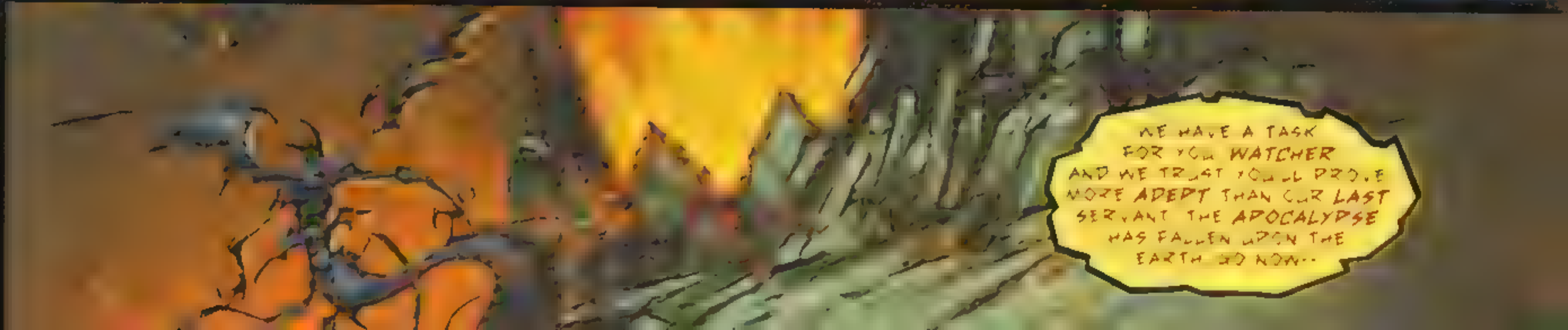
EEAAA!!



POOR
SISTER...



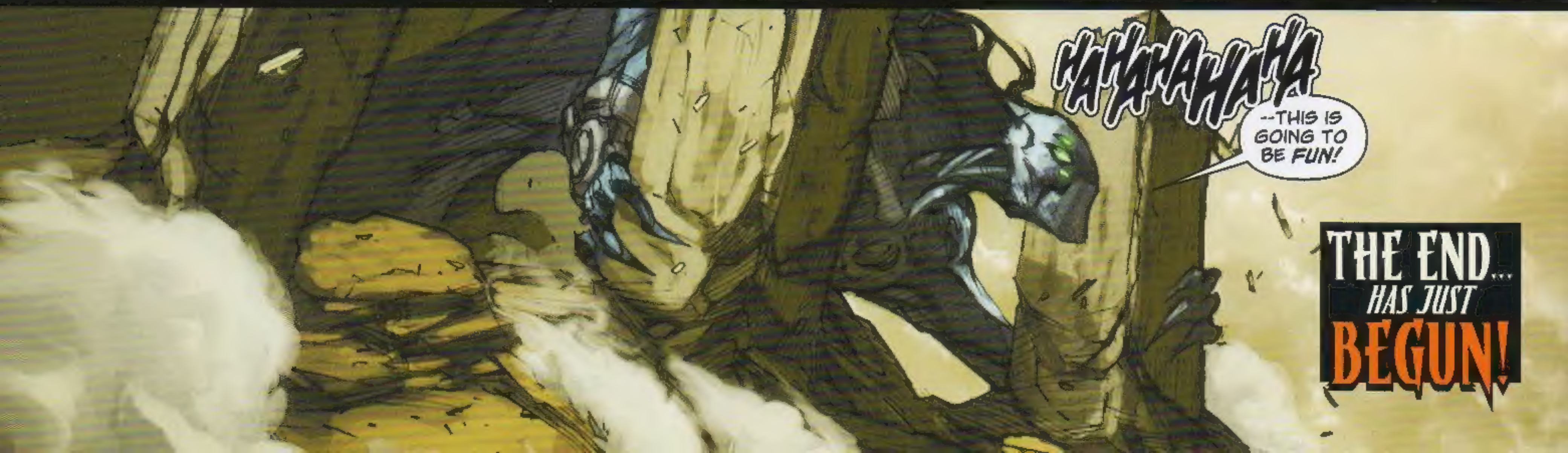
WHAT IS
THE BIDDING OF
THE CHARRED
COUNCIL?



WE HAVE A TASK
FOR YOU WATCHER
AND WE TRUST YOU'LL PROVE
MORE ADEPT THAN OUR LAST
SERVANT THE APOCALYPSE
HAS FALLEN UPON THE
EARTH SO NOW...

"--AND FIND THE
HORSEMAN WARI!"





HAHAHAHAHA

--THIS IS
GOING TO
BE FUN!

THE END...
HAS JUST
BEGUN!



